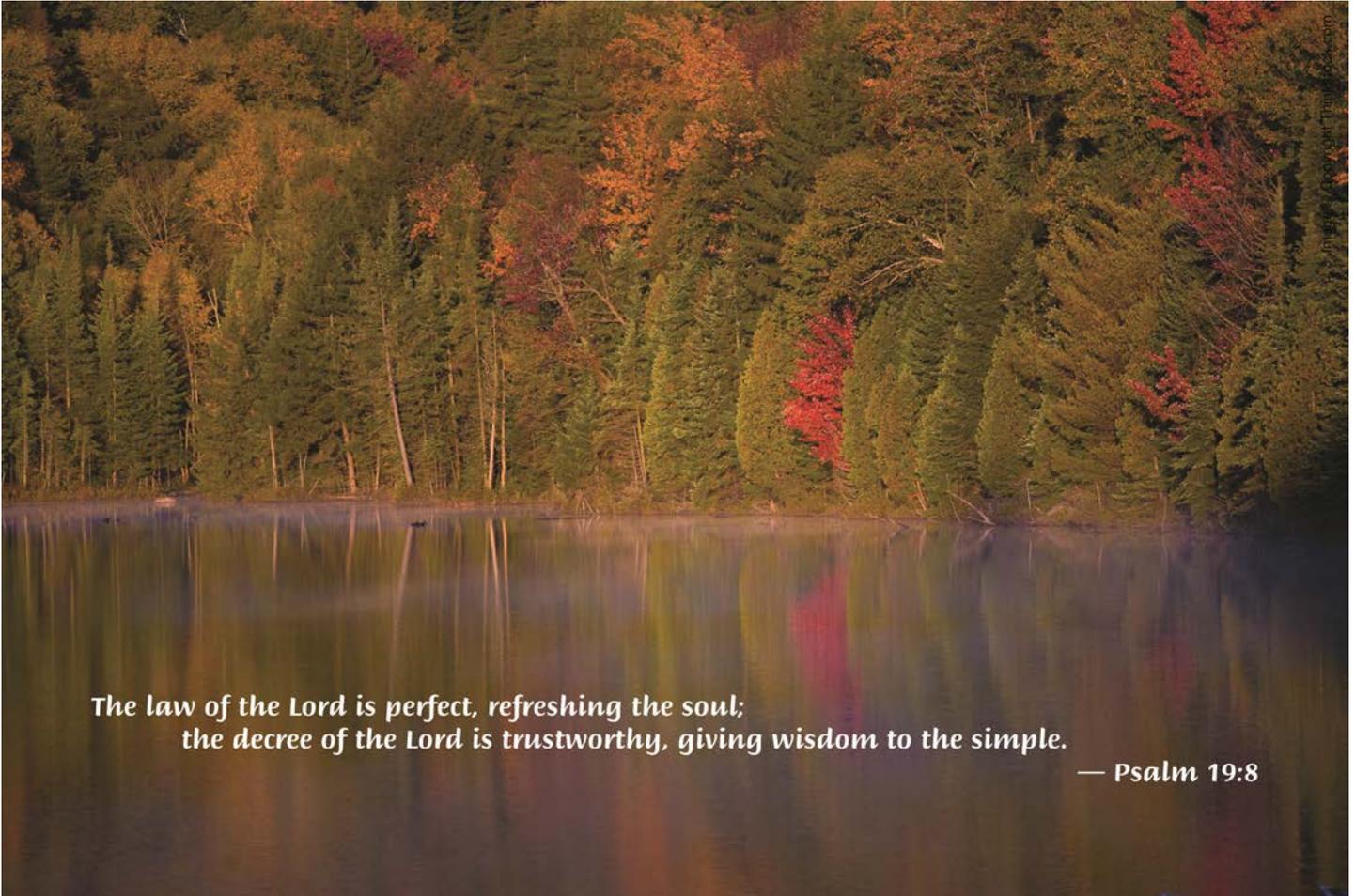


Christ the Servant Catholic Church

The Joy of Living a Giving Life

September 27, 2015

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;
the decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.*

— Psalm 19:8

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Our Mission

Christ the Servant Parish is a welcoming Catholic faith community gathered together to gratefully share and live the Eucharist, the inspiration of the Gospel, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and to follow Christ's example in service of others.

Our Parish ~ Our Spiritual Home

Pope Francis Tweet for the Week!
God loves the lowly. When we live humbly, he takes our small efforts and creates great things.

OUR PRODIGAL GOD

We keep having to relearn how prodigal God is. It is as if God cannot quite manage to say no. We think it is surely fine when God is prodigal with us—rich in mercy and forgiveness, generous in grace. But what about the other—the enemy, the sinner, the heretic, the outsider? Well, we expect God to be as stingy with that person as we are.

Moses and Joshua wanted such a cozy world, too. They wondered how the spirit of God could be given to the two who did not show up at the meeting tent—today’s church. And the apostles in the Gospel complained because there were some miracle workers who were clearly not followers of Jesus. God’s great free-wheeling generosity confounded them all. Let this be, says Jesus. Just see to it that you who lead continue to be worthy of your calling.

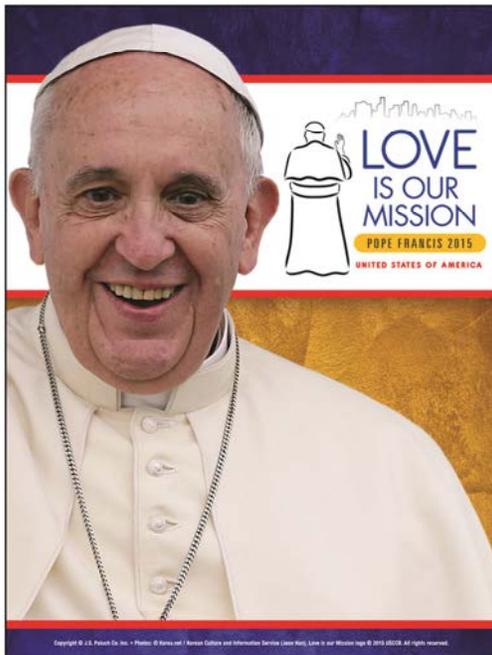
No one who performs a mighty deed

in my name can speak ill of me



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Blessing of Pets Next Week!

All are invited to bring their safely leashed or caged pet to the Terrace at 11:30 am next Sunday, October 4, for the Blessing of Pets, in honor of the Feast of St. Francis.



Deacon Accardi Celebrates 25 years of Ordination to the Diaconate

On October 4, 2015, we will be celebrating Deacon Rod’s ordination anniversary during the 10am Mass at Christ the Servant. He chose this date, The Feast of St. Francis, for his celebration because Francis is Rod’s baptismal patron saint, and was also a deacon in the Church. Messages of congratulation and appreciation for Rod’s ministry can be brought or sent to the Parish Office. Refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome.

NOTICE

Father Bob will be away at the priests’ convocation from October 5-8. We will have mass on Monday, October 5.

There will be no mass or communion service on Tuesday, the 6th, Wednesday the 7th, or Thursday the 8th.

Our regular schedule will resume on Friday, October 9, with a communion service, and daily mass will begin again on Monday, October 12.

Joyful Noise Children’s Choir

Children in grades Kindergarten through 5h grade are invited to join the Joyful Noise Choir!

Rehearsals take place on Thursdays, from 5-6 pm

Top Reasons to join Joyful Noise Children’s Choir:

- Children sing songs that connect to the liturgy and readings to make Mass more meaningful for them
- Improves attention span, focus, comprehension, and even helps students’ grades in other classes
- Builds confidence and discipline if life; children who sing often excel in other areas , too
- Fosters team and group life skills through critical listening, blending, harmony and rhythm
- Provides a non-competitive environment to create lasting friendships strive for excellence and create beautiful music
- One who sings and plays in church—prays TWICE!



For more information, please visit us on our Facebook page at Christ the Servant Parish, or on our website at www.ctswoodridge.org

To register contact Lisa G Or Janet Alikpala at janet@ctswoodridge.org.

Christ the Servant Peace Pole and Garden

(continued from last week) Fr. Frank Vitus loved gardens. He also wanted to host the diversity of faith communities in the area in inter-faith prayer services. Fr. Joel Fortier, administrator during our 25th Anniversary year who later dedicated the peace pole and garden, reminding us at the time of founding pastor Fr. Jim Ratigan’s focus on peace and justice issues, carried forward Fr. Frank’s wish in this regard.



The peace pole and garden silently proclaim this invitation across faith traditions. Not only the wish of Fr. Frank, this is in keeping with Pope John Paul II’s invitation: "to invite the representatives of the world religions to come...to pray for...the promotion of authentic peace," as well as that of Pope Benedict XVI’s: "I assure you that the Church wants to continue building bridges of friendship with the followers of all religions, in order to see the true good of every person and of society as a whole."

(more next week)

Notice to All Those Who Decorated Stones for the Peace Garden

If your stone has faded, there will be an opportunity to repaint it with acrylic paint on Sunday, September 27, after the 10:00 am Mass until 12:00 pm. If you would like to let us know you are coming, please call Karen J. We will provide the acrylic paint and brushes and an acrylic paint marker.

The stones will then be sprayed again and replaced in the Garden. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

More than 58 million babies in the past 42 years have been killed while on their way to becoming fully alive. Roe vs. Wade legalized abortion-on-demand nationwide on Sept. 22, 1973, as U.S. Supreme Court justices wrestled with the question of exactly when life begins. Science available all of those years ago is woefully outdated today. Each of us needs to ask ourselves—Do I love life, in all its forms? Do I honor life? Do I respect life? Is Christ the Servant faith community a people committed to uphold life? Please pray and/or fast for the 58 million who have lost their lives these past 42 years. Let us truly become a “CULTURE OF LIFE!”

No one could deny Padre Pio’s devotion to the Holy Rosary. He called it his “weapon,” the same Rosary that Our Lady urged us at Fatima to pray for the conversion of Russia and the world.

**Padre Pio’s Feast Day
was celebrated September 23**

Join in praying the Rosary daily before and/or after our weekday mass.

Religious Formation



Grades K-7 Sessions meet this Tuesday and Wednesday

Confirmation 8th Grade Confirmation Commitment Meeting will be held on

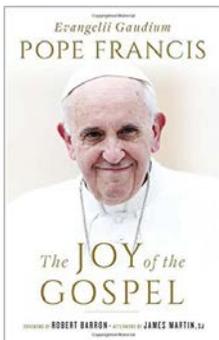
Sunday September 27th at 11:15am.

Parents and 8th graders are required to attend.

Classes begin:

Sunday Sessions - October 4th

Wednesday Sessions - October 7th



“The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus... In this Exhortation I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church’s journey in years to come.”
– Pope Francis

Join us as we read and discuss

The Joy of the Gospel by Pope Francis.

We will meet at 11:15am on Sunday October 11, Oct 25, Nov 8, Nov 15, Dec 6 and Dec 13.

The cost of the book is \$12.

For more information contact Liz Jesse.

THE PRINTERY HOUSE



Christian greeting cards and gifts

Purchase beautiful Christian greeting cards and gifts and benefit Christ the Servant parish.

Pick up a catalog in the Narthex or outside the Religious Formation Office.

SENIOR HIGH NIGHT: Senior High Night will take place Sunday, October 4 at St. Scholastica Parish in Woodridge. The night will feature *Popple*, Kyle and Dan, who are full-time musicians and speakers. They will share their unique blend of comedic-acoustic-fun-loving music and their passion for the faith. To learn more about them, see: <http://www.popple.us/> Cost for the evening is \$5.00 beforehand or \$10.00 at the door. Contact the Youth Ministry Office at ym@dioceseofjoliet.org or (815-221-6235) for more information

SAVE THE DATE...TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

“WHY SHOULD I GO TO CHURCH?”

Monday, September 28th, 7 p.m.

Divine Savior Church

6700 Main St., Downers Grove

It’s no secret that fewer people are attending week-end Mass each year. For a while it was thought that younger people in the 20’s and 30’s were responsible for that decline. Though that seems to be correct, it is now documented that the decrease in church attendance crosses almost all generational lines. “Why should I go to church?” This question will be answered in this presentation.

Fr. John Cusick, a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese and creator & director of Young Adult Ministry from 1977-2013 will be our speaker. Crain’s Chicago Business named Fr. Cusick one of 7 clergy persons profiled as a “preacher to seek out in Chicago”.

Caring for the Caregiver

Soul to Soul: Support and Connection for Family Caregivers

Join us for a three-part workshop offering practical tools and advice for the family caregiver.

Learn to navigate these times with a Christ-centered view.

Come to one or all three:

- October 8: Caring for your parents and yourself
- October 22: Navigating financial concerns
- November 12: Communicating and managing family dynamics

Location: St. Mary of Gostyn, 445 Prairie Avenue, Downers Grove 60515

More information at www.stmarygostyn.org adult faith programs tab

Reservations helpful for planning purposes to kjohnson@stmarygostyn.org, or 630-969-1063

**CHRIST THE SERVANT
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015**

The next page is our parish annual financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; along with a comparison to the prior fiscal year.

The parish generated a small surplus of \$1,400 for the current fiscal year versus a deficit of \$7,200 last year. The surplus was mainly the result of higher collections due to the stewardship campaign, higher fundraising revenue due to a raffle, offset by slightly higher operating expenses.

Last fall, Fr. Joel lead the parish through a stewardship campaign entitled “Living a Giving Life”. As a result of these efforts our Sunday and other collections increased \$13,000 over the prior year. Thank you to all the parishioners who followed through on their stewardship pledge and commitment—your sacrifice makes a difference! For those who fell short on their commitment or did not participate, please re-consider your stewardship commitment as an expression of thanksgiving for all the Lord has given to you. Your financial support also helps ensure we have a safe and comfortable spiritual home to worship in.

Your use of the debt reduction envelopes helped the parish meet its debt obligation to the diocese and retire over a \$150,000 in debt principal and make \$24,000 in interest payments. At the end of the fiscal year, our debt obligation to the Diocese of Joliet is down to \$505,000. We are scheduled to pay off the debt in another 3 years with your support and continued use of the debt reduction envelopes.

We also continue to support a number of important programs such as the West Suburban Community Food Pantry, Hope’s Front Door and St. Vincent de Paul Society which help the poor and those in need in our community. On behalf of our neighbors in need, thank you for your continued kindness and support.

One thing this financial report does not reflect is the literally hundreds of volunteer hours given in service to the various parish ministries of which we are also very appreciative. It is your commitment to the parish that makes possible the ministries and programs that we offer. Without your giving of time and talent the parish could not do all the good work it currently does.

For the current fiscal year, we are estimating our parish financial obligations to be approximately \$10,200/ week which includes debt service. This is comparable to last year as we are working hard to control costs and be good stewards of your financial gifts to the parish.

Our goal is to always provide transparency and carefully stewards the treasures we receive from you. Let us continue to work together to support our mission statement and further the tradition of excellence at Christ the Servant parish.

Sincerely,

Your Finance Committee
Jim M, Chair
Jerry C
Greg F
Mike M
Jeff M
Gordon S

CHRIST THE SERVANT PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT				
	FISCAL YEAR ENDING			
	6/30/2015	6/30/2014	Increase (Decrease)	
Cash Inflows				
Sunday Collections	\$391,966	\$385,052	\$6,914	(1)
Other Collections	53,707	47,543	6,164	(1)
Fundraisers (net)	16,982	8,844	8,138	(2)
Other Unrestricted Revenue	29,024	25,328	3,696	
Debt Reduction Envelopes	33,477	34,639	(1,162)	
Other Restricted Revenues	4,689	2,717	1,972	
Total Inflows	\$529,845	\$504,123	\$25,722	
Cash Outflows				
Salaries & Benefits	\$155,778	\$159,767	(\$3,989)	
Repairs & Maintenance	20,551	10,982	9,569	(3)
Services	54,147	50,456	3,691	
Materials & Supplies	24,897	17,141	7,756	(4)
Insurance	6,505	6,897	(392)	
Utilities	24,411	23,367	1,044	
Diocesan Assessment	27,022	27,445	(423)	
Other Operating Expense	3,726	4,620	(894)	
Capital Expenditures	1,110	3,446	(2,336)	
Parish Subsidy For Religious Ed (net)	36,311	33,241	3,070	
Loan Principal	150,177	144,114	6,063	(5)
Loan Interest	23,823	29,886	(6,063)	(5)
Total Outflows	\$528,458	\$511,362	\$17,096	
Cash Flow Increase / (Decrease)	\$1,387	(\$7,239)	\$8,626	
FOOTNOTES:				
(1) Increase in collections are the result of the stewardship campaign.				
(2) One additional fundraiser (raffle) took place this year.				
(3) Increase relates to roof repairs that were completed.				
(4) Church light bulbs were replaced this year along with the purchase of choir hymnals.				
(5) Debt service obligation due to Diocese - \$174,000 annually.				
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:				
	6/30/15	6/30/14	Increase (Decrease)	
Mortgage Loan - Principal Balance	\$505,326	\$655,502	(\$150,176)	
Funds on Deposit				
- Savings / Development Fund	\$138,378	\$149,336	(\$10,958)	

Would you like to participate in a ministry at mass, and don't know where to start?

Would you like to help your children be more willing to come to mass with you? Having something specific to do can help!

Contact Corinne Hanson, 630-910-0770, or email ctsoffice@ctswoodridge.org, for information on how to get started in a liturgical ministry. Scheduling is based on your availability. When you see a name lots of times on the lists to the right, it's because we need more people like you helping out!



ALTAR MIN:

EXT. MINISTERS:

LECTORS:

HOST TEAMS:

Saturday
October 3
4:45 PM

W Family

Patti C
Joanne F
Deb G
Terri M
Darlene SM

Jim N
Kathy V

Maryrose G
Donna M

Next Weekend's MINISTERS

Sunday
October 4
8:30 AM

P Family

Rose G
Michael L
Mathew M
Jose S
Melania S

Paula R
Barb K

S Family
Marijane T

Sunday
October 4
10:00 AM

Maria G
Gayle H

Deacon S
Ed J
Madeline J
Ramon J
Maureen V

Kristen M
Paul M

A Family

Respect for All Life

Volunteer for Healing Program

Project Rachel—an integrated approach to post-abortive healing that Bishop Conlon recently welcomed to the Joliet Diocese—operates as a much-needed network of healing composed of specially trained caregivers, including priests, deacons, sisters, lay staff and volunteers, mental health professionals, spiritual directors, mentors and chaplains. These individuals, often working as a team, provide direct care to women, men, and adolescents who have been touched by an abortion loss, enabling them to grieve, receive forgiveness, and find peace. To learn about volunteering, or joining a prayer support network, contact Respect Life Ministry at 815-221-6254 or prolife@jolietdiocese.org

~by Alexandra Fedosenko, diocesan Respect Life coordinator, *Christ Is Our Hope*, June, 2015

submitted by Dave A



Sacramental Information

RITEs OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION Adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, the celebration of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation are invited to contact the parish office.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS Baptisms are usually celebrated on the first and third Sundays of each month (except during Lent) at 11:30 AM. A Baptism Preparation Class must be attended if you are planning your first child's baptism or if three years have passed since your last child was baptized. Call the Parish Office to register and to check whether adjustments have been made to the schedule.

MARRIAGE Marriage arrangements must be made at least six months in advance by contacting the Parish Office to set the date and reserve the church. Reserve the church before you reserve the reception hall.

HOLY ORDERS: Are you thinking of becoming a priest or religious? Talk with Fr. Bob or email Fr. Burke Masters at frburke23@aol.com.

RECONCILIATION Available Saturdays from 4:00-4:30 pm (except Holy Saturday), or at parish reconciliation services during Advent and Lent, or by appointment with Fr. Joel.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK Please contact the parish office for a visit from a priest when sickness occurs or death is imminent for the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. To arrange for Communion to be brought to the sick/homebound members of the parish community, help driving to appointments, emergency meals, or anyone needing 2 hour respite care for a homebound family member call Deacon Tom F.

FUNERALS Arrangements for funerals are usually made in cooperation with the attending funeral home. Contact the parish office for pre-planning of funerals.

Baptism Preparation Class:
Thursday, October 1, 7:00-8:00 PM

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: Friday, October 2, Holy Hour will follow the communion service in Christ the Servant's Eucharistic Chapel.

The October intentions are for the Pope, the Clergy and Vocations. Join in saying The Rosary, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Dive Mercy Litany, Chaplet of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and "The Way of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory." In the words of the poet Alfred Lloyd Tennyson, "More things are wrought by prayer than men dream of."

Mass Intentions for the Week

TABERNACLE LIGHT

Fr. Frank K. Vitus

MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 26

4:45 PM Emily Gierut, *r. Gierut family*
Ted & LaVergne Kozerski, *67th wedding anniversary*

Sunday, September 27

8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Pearl & Harry Lesniewski,
r. Sister Suzanne Lesniewski



Monday, September 28

8:30 AM Joseph Moolayil, *r. family*

Tuesday, September 29

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Wednesday, September 30

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, October 1

8:30 AM People of the Parish

Friday, October 2—Communion Service

8:30 AM

Saturday, October 3

4:45 PM John & Esther Michalek, *r. family*
Gerald Johnson, *r. family*
Jeanine Rendak, *r. Gierut & Rendak families*

Sunday, October 4

8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:00 AM Richard Regnier, *r. Carol Hanen*

*To request a mass, stop by or call the parish office
at 630-910-0770.*

We pray for the Sick

Louise Boden	Jeff Joyce	Elaine Thomas
Theo Buck	Ben Lacson	Gary Wall
Donna Ciolek	Peggy Laughlin	Rick Vendl
Helen Ciolek	Thomas O'Donnell	Kelley Wilson
Lorraine Clark	Alie Phillips	Jane Wiviott
Jeff Coole	Pauline Popek	Rita Wyman
Cecilia Cooper	Steve Potter	Ron Wyman
Holly Derrico	Jeremy Purchase	Joe Zapalac
Jay Dunn	Ron Rydzewski	Johnny Zokovitch
Bp. Joseph Imesch	Jim Sanders	
Brian Jackson	Roger Terry	

*Names remain on this list approximately three months, unless specifically requested otherwise. **To update the list, call the Parish Office at 630-910-0770 or email corinne@ctswoodridge.org. Thank you.***

We pray for the Deceased



Virginia Crimer
(mother of Jerry Crimer)

Estelle Mieszcak
(mother of Bob Mizek)

Marge Schillaci

Shirley Schulz
(sister of Joe Candela)

Florence Rostis
(grandmother of Joseph Rostis)

Bible Readings—September 27-October 4

For easy internet access to the daily readings, visit www.usccb.org, and click on the calendar on the right side of the page. You can even subscribe to have the readings sent to you via email each day. Just scroll to the bottom of the readings page if you wish to subscribe.

SUNDAY: Nm 11:25-29 / Jas 5:1-6 / Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

MONDAY: Zec 8:1-8 / Lk 9:46-50

TUESDAY: Dn 7:9-10,13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a / Jn 1:47-51

WEDNESDAY: Neh 2:1-8 / Lk 9:57-62

THURSDAY: Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12 / Lk 10:1-12

FRIDAY: Bar 1:15-22 / Mt 18:1-5,10

SATURDAY: Bar 4:5-12,27-29 / Lk 10:17-24

SUNDAY: Gn 2:18-24 / Heb 2:9-11 / Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

We pray for those who Serve

Christopher Durkovic, grandson of Joan Kurtz

Dan Fialek, nephew of Jerry Fialek

Eric Graslje, cousin of Pauline Ryan

David Jackson, son of Cathleen Jackson

Ben Jalove, nephew of Chuck & Linda Jalove

Sam Persin, nephew of Joe & Mary Testolin

Joshua Plucinski, grandson of Joan Kurtz

Jim Sheehan, godson of Liz Jesse

If you have a family member serving overseas, please let us know. We will publish their names in the bulletin to remind everyone to ask for God's blessings on them, that they may return safely to their families. Let us join our prayers for peace and safety with yours. Also, please let us know when they return safely home, so that we may also rejoice with you.

Office Hours & Staff

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Office Hours

Monday—Friday.....9:00 AM—4:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Monday through Thursday.....8:30 AM

Friday Communion Service.....8:30 AM

The Rosary is recited following daily Mass.

Saturday.....4:45 PM

Sunday.....8:30 and 10:00 AM

Holy Days.....consult bulletin or call

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00-4:30 or by appointment

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Bob Duda, Pastor *Ext. 15*
FrBob@ctswoodridge.org

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Rod Accardi, Permanent Deacon

Corinne Hanson, Bus. Manager *Ext. 10*

Liz Jesse,

Religious Formation Director *Ext. 12*

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janet@ctswoodridge.org

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Debi Savage, Pastoral Council Co-Chair

Jim McIlvain, Administration/Finance

Jerry Fialek, Christian Service (scribe)

Rosada Heintz, Parish Life

Jean Durran, Parish Life Co-Chair

Marybeth Nunzio, Religious Formation

Sister Suzanne Lesniewski, Worship

Calendar of Events

Sunday, September 27

10:00 am—Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) begins

11:00 am—Confirmation Kick-Off

11:00 am—Manna orders due

Monday, September 28

7:00 pm—Parish Pastoral Council

Tuesday, September 29

4:45-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30-7:45 pm—RF classes

Wednesday, September 30

4:45-6:00 pm—RF classes

6:30-7:45 pm—RF classes

Thursday, October 1

5:00 pm—Joyful Noise Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class

Friday, October 2

after communion service: First Friday

Holy Hour

Pick up Manna orders

Saturday, October 3

Sunday, October 4

8:30 am—Confirmation Class

11:30 am—Baptism

11:30 am—Blessing of Pets

Upcoming Events

Oct. 10/11: Christian Service Ministry Fair with hospitality provided by the Parish Life Commission

Oct. 17/18: Undy Sunday. Bring new underwear for our neighbors in need

Parish Giving

St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.

NEEDED WEEKLY: 2015-2016

Parish Expenses	\$ 6,820.00
Mortgage Payment	<u>3,350.00</u>
Total Needed	\$ 10,170.00

NOTE: Electronic contributions are included with other totals

CONTRIBUTIONS Sept 15-Sept 21:

Sunday 9/20	7,018.20
Sunday other forms	285.00
General Funds	20.00
Debt Reduction	<u>470.00</u>
Total Contributed	\$ 7,793.20

CONTRIBUTIONS to charity:

Christ is Our Hope magazine \$ 45.00

Differential report for week:

Needed	\$ 10,170.00
Reported this week	7,793.20
Deficit this week	\$ (2,376.80)

General Funds includes Holy Days, All Souls, mass intentions, etc.

Debt to Diocese as of 8/31 \$479,063

Registered Households—741

Thank you for your generous support!

Did you know...*let's keep our tradition of love of neighbor and generosity going into the next 25 years and beyond!*

Leave a Legacy. To donate stocks, visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org and click on "Donate", then click on Stock Donations for details on the process. Or call the Development office at 815-221-6100.

Christ the Servant Religious Formation has a Facebook page!

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